

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1-28. Claims 29-50 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 1-28 have been allowed. By this Response, claims 29-50 have been canceled to expedite allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 29-50 on various grounds that are now moot in light of the cancellation of those claims to obtain allowance of claims 1-28. In general, the Office Action makes various statements regarding the pending claims and the cited references that are now moot in light of the above. Thus, the Applicants will not address such statements at the present time. However, the Applicants expressly reserve the right to challenge such statements in the future should the need arise (e.g., if such statement should become relevant by appearing in a rejection of any current or future claim) and reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims and any additional claims in a related application.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of GEMS-IT, Account No. 50-2401.

Respectfully submitted,

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